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Dear Mr. Jaffe,

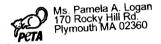
I am contacting you to voice my support for the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens (docket 98P-0203/CP).

The lives of these animals are miserable enough to begin with, without the added stress and suffering caused by forced molting. Research shows that forced molting is a major cause of salmonella poisoning in eggs. The stressful conditions weaken the birds' immune systems so badly that they become prone to disease, bone breakage and salmonella infections. The result: sick, suffering birds and contaminated eggs. Lovely!

Sincerely,

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